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	First Named Inventor	Roger Alcala
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<b>2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES</b>							
						<b>Small Entity</b>	
<b>Fee Description</b>						<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)						50	25
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Multiple dependent claims						360	180
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Roger Alcala et al.

Application No.: 09/852,222

Confirmation No.: 4229

Filed: May 9, 2001

Art Unit: 3624

For: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
GENERATING AN INDEX FOR  
INVESTMENT RETURNS

Examiner: D. S. Felten

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, 1.98, and it is requested that the information set forth in this statement and in the listed documents be considered during the pendency of the above-identified application, and any other application relying on the filing date of the above-identified application or cross-referencing it as a related application.

1. This IDS should be considered, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, as it is filed: (Check one of the boxes A-D)

- ☐ A. Within three months of the filing date of the above-identified national application or within three months of the entry into the national stage of the above-identified international application.
- ☐ B. before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits, or a first office action after filing a request for continued examination.
- ☒ C. after (A) and (B) above, but before final rejection or allowance, and Applicants have made the necessary statement in box "i" below or paid the necessary fee in box "ii" below.

(check one of the boxes "i" and "ii" below:)

- ☐ i. Counsel states that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein was  
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- ☐ (a) first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS; or
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- [X] ii. A check for the fee set forth in 1.17(p), presently believed to be \$180, is enclosed.
- ☐ D. after (A), (B) and (C) above, but before payment of the issue fee: Applicant petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d) for the consideration of this IDS. Under 37 CFR 1.17(i) a check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed. Counsel certifies that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein was  
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2. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, this IDS includes a list (e.g., form PTO/SB/08) of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the office, either incorporated into this IDS or as an attachment hereto. A copy of each document listed is attached, except as explained below.

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- ☐ A. Pursuant to the Notice issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated July 11, 2003 waiving the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i), a copy/copies of the United States Patent on PTO/SB08 is/are not being submitted.
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- ☐ C. Certain documents were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the following prior applications, which are relied upon under 35 U.S.C. 120:

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Applicant identifies these documents by attaching hereto copies of the forms PTO-892, PTO-1449 and/or PTO/SB/08 from the files of the prior application(s) or a fresh PTO/SB/08 listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of record in accordance with 1.98(d). Per 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.

☐ 3. Cite Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ are not in the English language. In accordance with 1.98(c), Applicant states:

- ☐ An English translation of each document (or of the pertinent portions thereof), or a copy of each corresponding English-language patent or application, or English-language abstract (or claim) is enclosed.
- ☐ The requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of any foreign language document is satisfied by the attached search report; citation of the documents cited in the search report shall not be construed as an admission that they are or are considered to be, material to patentability of the subject matter claimed herein (See MPEP §609).
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- ☐ A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ can be found on page(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of the specification.
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☒ 4. No explanation of relevance is necessary for documents in the English language (see reply to Comments 67 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

☐ 5. Other information being provided for the examiner's consideration follows:

[A/An \_\_\_\_\_ Search Report, dated \_\_\_\_\_, which issued during the prosecution of \_\_\_\_\_ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ which corresponds to the present application.]

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**CROSS REFERENCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. (1.78 TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. ( 1.78, Applicant notes that the above-identified patent application may be related to the following U.S. Patent Applications:

(1) U.S. Provisional Application Serial No \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Dated: June 19, 2006

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